

In the claims:

1. (Withdrawn) An implement comprising:
 a handle including a first end and a second end, wherein a length extending between the first and second ends is within a range of about 15.0 inches to about 47.0 inches, and a working end including a top portion and a bottom portion, wherein the first end of the handle is attached to the top portion of the working end; and
 a handle-attachment member adapted to extend the handle length, wherein the handle-attachment member includes a handle-attachment member length within a range of 12 inches to 20 inches.
2. (Withdrawn) The implement of claim 1, wherein when the handle length is within the range of about 31.0 inches and about 47.0 inches, the handle-attachment member is within the range of about 12.0 inches and 15.0 inches.
3. (Withdrawn) The implement of claim 1, wherein when the handle length is within the range between about 10.0 inches and 30.0 inches, the handle-attachment member length is within the range of about 16.0 inches and about 20.0 inches.
4. (Withdrawn) The implement of claim 1, wherein the implement is selected from the group consisting of mops, brooms and dusters, long-handled garden implements and rakes.
5. (Withdrawn) The implement of claim 1, wherein the handle is releasably securable to the cleaning member.
6. (Withdrawn) The implement of claim 1, wherein the second end of the handle includes an externally thread section.

7. (Withdrawn) The implement of claim 6, wherein the handle-attachment member comprises an internally threaded section for mating with the externally threaded section disposed on the first end of the handle.

8. (Withdrawn) The implement of claim 1, wherein the handle-attachment member is a grip that comprises one or more flutes.

9. (Withdrawn) A product line comprising:

a plurality of implements, in which each of the plurality of implements has a working end and a corresponding handle, wherein a relationship exists between two or more implements each having different working ends, such that as a length of the working end increases, the length of the corresponding handle decreases.

10. (Withdrawn) The product line of claim 9, wherein each of the implements include substantially the same overall length, calculated by adding the length of the working end and the length of the corresponding handle.

11. (Withdrawn) The product line of claim 9, wherein each of the implements in the product line includes an overall length within a range of about 20.0 inches to about 50.0 inches, calculated by adding the length of the working end and the length of the corresponding handle.

12. (Withdrawn) The product line of claim 9, wherein the different working ends are selected from the group consisting of sponges, bristles and dusters.

13. (Withdrawn) The product line of claim 9, wherein the implements are selected from the group consisting of mops, brooms and dusters.

14. (Withdrawn) The product line of claim 9, wherein the implements are selected from the group consisting of long-handled garden implements and rakes.

15. (Withdrawn) The product line of claim 9, further comprising at least one handle-attachment member releasably securable to at least one of the corresponding handles.

16. (Withdrawn) The product line of claim 9, wherein the length of the corresponding handles is between about 15 inches and 45 inches.

17. (Withdrawn) The product line of claim 9, wherein the length of the working end is less than about 15 inches.

18. (Currently Amended) A method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of implements, each implement comprising a handle and a working end, the handle including a first end and a second end and the working end including a top portion and a bottom portion, ~~wherein the first end of the handle is attached to the top portion of the working end,~~ wherein each of the implements includes substantially the same overall length, ~~measured from the second end of the handle to the bottom portion of the working end,~~ corresponding to a first length, and ~~wherein~~ the first length of the implements is extendable to a second length;

providing a plurality of shipping containers, each shipping container including a lengthwise dimension no greater than about 48.0 inches; ~~adapted to receive the first length of the plurality of implements;~~

placing the plurality of implements in the plurality of shipping containers, with each of the plurality of implements sized to the first length; and

sending the plurality of shipping containers to a destination.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the implements are selected from the group consisting of mops, brooms and dusters, long-handled garden implements and rakes.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein two or more of the implements comprise different working ends.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the first length is extendable to the second length through a handle-attachment member releasably securable to ~~the second end of the handle.~~

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the handle-attachment member ranges in length from about 12 inches to about 20 inches

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the handle-attachment member comprises a ~~an internally~~ threaded section for mating with ~~an externally~~ a threaded section disposed on the second end of the handle.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the first length is extendable to the second length through a telescoping member.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the first length is extendable to a second length through a hinge disposed on the handle below the second end.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising packaging at least one of the handle-attachment members along a side surface of at least one of the handles before the ~~shipping~~ sending step.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the second length is within the range of about ~~[[15.0]]~~ 40.0 inches to about 50.0 inches.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the length dimension of ~~[[the]]~~ each shipping container is no greater than about 40.0 inches ~~no more than about 2.0 inches larger than the first length of the implements.~~

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising ~~providing a plurality of shipping containers of uniform length and~~ placing the plurality of shipping containers on a ~~[[pallet]]~~ pallet before the ~~shipping~~ sending step.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein the ~~[[pallet]]~~ lengthwise dimension is about 40.0 inches ~~by about 48.0 inches~~.

32. (Currently Amended) A method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of implements, each implement comprising a handle and a working end, the handle including a first end and a second end and the working end including a top portion and a bottom portion, ~~wherein the first end of the handle is attached to the top portion of the working end,~~ wherein each of the implements includes ~~substantially the same overall length, measured from the second end of the handle to the bottom portion of the working end,~~ corresponding to a first length within ~~[[the]]~~ a range of about ~~[[20]]~~ 40 inches to about 48 inches~~[[,]]~~ and ~~wherein~~ the first length of the implements is extendable to a second length;

providing a plurality of shipping containers, each shipping container including a dimension adapted to accommodate the first length of the plurality of implements;

placing the plurality of implements in the plurality of shipping containers, with ~~wherein~~ each of the plurality of implements ~~[[are]]~~ sized to a dimension within the range ~~the first length;~~ and

sending the shipping containers to a destination.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the implements are selected from the group consisting of mops, brooms and dusters, long-handled garden implements and rakes.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the first length is extendable to the second length through a handle-attachment member separable from ~~releasably securable to~~ the second end of the handle.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the handle-attachment member ranges in length from about 12 inches to about 20 inches

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the handle-attachment member comprises an internally threaded section for mating with an externally threaded section disposed on the second end of the handle.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the handle-attachment member is a grip that comprises one or more flutes on a surface thereof.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the first length is extendable to the second length through a telescoping member.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the first length is extendable to a second length through a hinge disposed on the handle below the second end.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, further comprising securing at least one of the handle-attachment members to a surface of at least one of the handles before the ~~shipping~~ sending step.

42. (Currently amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the first length of each of the implements is substantially the same. ~~the dimension of the shipping container is no more than 2.0 inches larger than the first length of the implements.~~

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently amended) The method of claim 32, further comprising ~~providing a plurality of shipping containers of uniform length and~~ placing the plurality of shipping containers on a ~~[[pallet]]~~ pallet before the ~~shipping~~ sending step.

45. (Currently amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the ~~[[pallet]]~~ first length is about 40.0 inches ~~by about 48.0 inches~~.

46. (Withdrawn) A method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of implements, each comprising a handle and a working end, the handle including a first end and a second end and the working end including a top portion and a bottom portion,

wherein two or more of the plurality of implements comprise different working ends and the first end of the handle is attached to a top portion of the working end and wherein each of the implements includes substantially the same length, corresponding to a first length, measured from the first end of the handle to the bottom portion of the working end; and

displaying the plurality of implements in a row, wherein at least one of the second ends is substantially aligned with at least one of the bottom portions or another one of the second ends.

47. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the first length is extendable to a second length.

48. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 47, wherein the first length is extendable to a second length through at least one handle-attachment member.

49. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 48, wherein the at least one handle-attachment member comprises an internally threaded section for mating with an externally threaded section disposed on the first end of the handle.

50. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 48, wherein the handle-attachment members range in length from about 12 inches to about 20 inches.

51. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 48, further comprising packaging at least one of the handle-attachment members along a surface of at least one of the handles before the displaying step.

52. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 47, wherein the first length is extendable to a second length through a telescoping member.

53. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the implements comprising different working ends are displayed adjacent one another.

54. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the implements are selected from the group consisting of mops, brooms and dusters, long-handled garden implements and rakes.

55. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the handle is releasably securable to the working end.

56. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the first length is within the range of about 15 inches to about 50 inches.

57. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the handle includes a handle length between about 15 inches and 45 inches.

58. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 46, wherein the working end includes a working end length, measured from a top portion of the working end to a bottom portion of the working end, of less than about 15 inches.

59. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 46, further comprising hanging the implements from hooks during the displaying step.

60. (Withdrawn) A method for shipping a plurality of implements comprising:

providing the plurality of implements, each comprising a handle, a working end, and a handle-attachment member separable from its corresponding handle, wherein each of the implements is sized to substantially the same length corresponding to a first length and the first length is extendable to a second length through securement of the handle-attachment member to the handle;

providing a plurality of shipping containers, each shipping container including a dimension adapted to accommodate the first length of the plurality of implements;

placing the plurality of implements in the plurality of shipping containers, with each of the plurality of implements sized to the first length and each handle attachment member positioned out of alignment with its corresponding handle; and

shipping the plurality of shipping containers to a destination.

61. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein the handle extension member comprises a threaded section for mating with a threaded section positioned on the handle.

62. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein two or more of the implements comprise form a product line.

63. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein each shipping container includes a lengthwise dimension no greater than about 48.0 inches.

64. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein each shipping container includes a lengthwise dimension no greater than 40.0 inches.

65. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein the length of the handle extension member is between about 12.0 inches and 20.0 inches.

66. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein the first length of each of the implements is substantially the same.

67. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein the first length of each of the implements is about 40.0 inches.